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FOLLOWING SENT BRASILIA FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 07 APR 75:

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SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE: INTERNATIONAL
CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (ICX)

DEPARTMENT RECENTLY INFORMED THAT BRAZILIAN OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE (ICX) HAS BEEN CLOSED BY
FEDERAL POLICE AND REMAIN UNDER 24 HOUR GUARD. DIRECTOR
OF ICX BRAZILIAN OFFICE, MR. JOHN WALTERS, ALLEGEDLY OUT
OF COUNTRY AND NOT AVAILABLE TO ANSWER CHARGES OF ILLEGAL
ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTRY AND WORKING AND PAYING SALARIES
WITHOUT PROPER VISA.

DEPARTMENT ALSO INFORMED THAT POLICE SEARCHED ICX OFFICE
AND FOUND SEVERAL PACKAGES OF PRECIOUS STONES WITHOUT
PROPER IDENTIFYING DOCUMENTS. UNDERSTAND THIS HAS RESULTED
IN THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF SMUGGLING AND EVADING LOCAL
SALES AND BUYING TAXES.

FINALLY, EVIDENCE ALLEGEDLY FOUND WHICH INDICATES THAT
TRANSFERS OF US. DOLLARS HAD BEEN HANDLED IMPROPERLY AND
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WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE BRAZILIAN CENTRAL BANK AND
THAT OTHER IRREGULARITIES AND CHARGES IMPLICATING BOTH THE

ICX DIRECTOR IN BRAZIL AND THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF.

SINCE ICX WAS DESIGNATED AN EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM
ON DECEMBER 13, 1972 TO BRING TO THE UNITED STATES
FOREIGN TEEN-AGE STUDENTS WHO ARE PLACED WITH AMERICAN
FAMILIES FOR PERIODS OF SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR WHILE
ATTENDING SCHOOL, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
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